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For: PHOSPHOPROTEIN DETECTION REAGENT AND METHODS OF MAKING AND
USING THE SAME

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, applicants' undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a and/or PTO/SB/08b. Copies of the references as well as Form PTO/SB/08a and/or PTO/SB/08b are attached hereto. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patent application and U.S. patent application publication references cited on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a are not attached. However, copies can be provided if necessary. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

Applicants do not believe the enclosed references to preclude the patentability of any of the pending claims. However, in full compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37

C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby provide copies of the references and request that they be placed in the application file pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i).

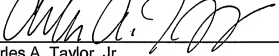
Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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